

Alpengirl Camp Internship

Sometimes we make a non-paid camp internship available to a younger woman who wishes to gain outdoor leadership work experience under the supervision of camp staffers and camp director. Internships may be available in the office or in the field and are likely a combination of both office and field work. These internships at Alpengirl are flexible in length, season and task description and are dependent upon our ability to place, train and provide proper supervision.

We are always eager to accept resumes, references, and cover letters from potential interns for review to assess the skills, experience, and interests that the potential intern presents, to determine how she would compliment the vision and philosophy of Alpengirl. School credit may be applied.

After an Alpengirl summer camp internship, young women will have a high quality start to a professional resume and an impressive element to add when interviewing or applying for college acceptance or other jobs. Skills gained in this summer camp internship are transferable and are applicable in all sorts of non-camp related work and educational environments.

A Typical 2-Week Alpenintern Description

Alpeninterns will assist Alpenguides with girls, ages 11-14 new to teen adventure camps in wilderness tent camping environments. While acting as a positive and healthy role models to younger girls, Alpeninterns will uphold standards, policies, and procedures of the Alpengirl program as instructed and will perform other duties applicable to the safe and successful operation of camp, and demonstrate FUN! Alpeninterns have specific roles in the Alpengirl leadership team, they are errand runners, van managers and skills beads managers and are involved in discussions with Alpenguides regarding campers and logistics and tasks. Alpeninterns are not campers and they are not staff, they are assisting the Alpenguiding team and are viewed as a member of Alpengirl leadership by campers, but, they have no unsupervised camper care or driving responsibilities. Alpeninterns will sleep in their own tent and will sometimes share a tent with the Alpenguides. Alpeninterns will enjoy special privileges such as time-off to sleep in, go for a run, or make calls to friends and family back home. During a 2-week Alpengirl internship, an intern may participate in her choice of two different outfitted activities such as whitewater rafting, horseback riding or rock climbing and she will partake in all other camp activities, fun and games!

There are two levels of Alpeninterns, the "Aspen" and the "Sage". The first level is the Aspen Alpenintern; she is at an introductory level and pays Alpengirl a certain amount determined by the tuition costs of the camp session being interned at. The second level is the Sage Alpenintern; she is slightly more advanced than the Aspen Alpenintern and does not pay anything to intern at Alpengirl.

Alpenintern Minimum Requirements

- Age 17
- Meet all physical ability, environment tolerances, and emotional requirements as listed above in Alpenguide job description
- Backpacking experience for 3+ continuous and progressive days
- Attended a residential summer camp program in the recent past
- Confidence in contributing to group decision-making
- Confidence in initiating and leading successful group games and activities
- Emotional reliability
- Understanding of safety and safe conduct

- Basic paperwork and organization skills
- Personal health insurance coverage in effect while at Alpengirl
- Promptness
- Self-motivated, flexible, spontaneously fun
- Knowledge and ability to abide by all camp rules
- Knowledge and ability to follow guidelines of conduct established by Alpengirl
- Fun, Funny, and Fun Lovin'
- Superhuman power of some kind!!!!

Alpenintern Application

Email Alpengirl a well thought out and thorough cover letter. In your cover letter, include contact information for 2 references (teachers, community leaders, coaches, non-family members), include any dates you are not available between June 15 and August 15, explain why you'd be a good candidate for an internship, why the internship will be a benefit you (list specific skills, knowledge or abilities you hope to gain from the internship) and elaborate on experience you may have with things like:

- Yoga
- Teaching
- Peer or youth mentoring
- Backpacking and canoeing
- Outdoor leadership experiences
- Past camp experiences
- Familiarity with Alpengirl or Alpengirl trip locations
- Your unique personality
- School activities or sports
- Involvement in activities, clubs or volunteering outside of school
- Jobs you've had
- What you do for fun
- Medical certifications (first aid, cpr)
- Life guarding certification

Alpenintern Selection Process

Once we know what our needs and capacities for interns are, we go through a summer camp internship selection process:

1. Review Alpengirl specific cover letter with professional references.
2. Select qualified individuals and arrange an interview(s).
3. Conduct reference checks, criminal history and other background checks.
4. Successful candidates will receive an internship offer letter that outlines schedule and a voluntary disclosure statement to complete.
5. Successful candidates are then asked to review the internship offer and ask clarifying questions. Then, if committed to the offer as outlined, sign and submit the offer to Alpengirl (ideally within a week of receiving it) along with the completed voluntary disclosure statement and a completed health form.
6. Once Alpengirl receives the signed internship offer, health form and voluntary disclosure statement, interviews will cease for that internship vacancy.